

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 3-23 are allowed and claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. By this Amendment, Applicant places this application in condition for immediate allowance by rewriting claim 2 into its dependent form. Specifically, Applicant does not acquiesce to the Examiner's reasons for maintaining the rejection of claim 2. However, to expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application and without commenting on the substantive merits of the Examiner's rejection, Applicant rewrites claim 2 into its previous dependent form. Accordingly, claim 2 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency on claim 1.

In view of the above, reconsideration and immediate allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. **If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.**

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